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Downingtown Penna Feb 16th 1878

Wm Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir

You may remember our correspondence some time since, regarding my Collection of Am. small birds, which I disposed of to one of our most prominent Naturalists who will keep it in this Country.

I have a few rare birds yet that I would sell, as I am not collecting now. viz

a fine	Specimen of	Nestor productus. Phillips Island Parrot Extinct very rare (worth $100.)	$50.00
"	"	Apterix Australis	18.00
"	"	Camtolaemus labradorus female } male will bring $75.- or more }	25.00
2	"	Buceros Albolarvatus ♂ + ♀ Each	10.00
1	"	Porzana Jamaicensis	5.00
"		-do- Noveboracensis	3.00
1	"	Ictinia Mississippiensis	5.00
1	"	Elanus leucurus	3.50
1.	"	Tetrao Obscurus	3.00

Should this interest you or your friends please write me to above address

Very Respy &c
B. A. Hoopes

Offered B. A. H. 20.00 for C. lab. & 5.00 for P. jam. & Ictinia W. B.

Haskell B. A.,
Feb. 1878

Downingtown, Chester Co. Pa.
March 7th 1878

Wm Brewster Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 28th ult. reached me this morning.

I will accept your offer of $20.- for ~~th~~ the female Labrador duck (although it may probably be worth $30. a good male is worth $75.) as I am not collecting water fowl. or scarcely any birds now. and shall be away from home several months of this year. may perhaps go to northern Georgia in two or three weeks.-

I do not wish to take $5.00 for the P. jamaicensis, & I. mississippiensis.- a dealer would get that much apiece - My skins are all very good & in first rate order.-

The Camptolaemus is very good.-

You may send the money to me, here, by P.O. order on Philada. or any safe way. and please advise me, as soon as possible, where to send the duck to. & I will attend to it at once.

Very Respy &c

P. A. Hoopes (over)

P.S. My black rail was shot on the Delaware River not far from Salem N. J. a very rare occurrence of a very rare bird it is in good plumage, has been mounted but has a leg fractured can be repaired however — the Kite is a very good skin — Mr. Krider will give me $4.00 for it. — You may have the two for ~~$8.00~~ $7.50/100 if you wish.

Yrs B.H.

Hoopes B. A.
March 1878

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Wm Brewster Esq
Cambridge
Mass.

Downingtown Pa. Apl 5th/78

Dear Sir

I have not heard from you since 17th ulto. the birds were sent by Express on the 25th March as you desired. I did not write to St Marys, understanding that you would have left there by that time and in that event not get a letter.

Please remit me to this place, as I have postponed my trip to Fla for a short time. I trust you have made valuable additions to your Collection when South.

very Respy &c

R. A. Hoopes

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Downingtown Pa. Apl. 24th 1878

Wm Brewster Esq

Dear Sir

Your fav. of 11th inst, with the Enclosure has duly reached me, for which please accept thanks.

The Duck and Kite formerly belonged to a Gentleman now deceased, so it would be difficult to get their history through him. I thought the Duck was fully labelled, am confident it came from Nova Scotia. there was a new label put on it, if I remember right; perhaps the old one may have been lost.

The Kite, without doubt, is I. Mississippiensis. Krider says it is a very good one, I think it came from Tennessee. — Very Resp. &c.

B. A. Hoopes

If you want anything else on my list, write me to this place →

Hodges B. C
April 1878

Downingtown Pa. Nov. 3^d 1878

Mr. Wm Brewster

Dear Sir

Your letter of 16th June last, reached me after some delay. My being away from home so much since that date I trust will be an apology for the seeming discourtesy of leaving it so long un-answered.

I am unable to give you all the particulars desired regarding the "Labrador duck."
It belonged to the late Wm P. Turnbull of this City, and was amongst a number of skins that I purchased since his decease; I remember it being in his collection several years since, and his calling my attention to its rarity and am confident that he told me that he purchased it in New York, but of whom I know not. - also that it came from Nova Scotia. although not so stated on the label, if I remember rightly. Not at that time ever expecting to own it, I did not take the interest in making very particular enquiries, especially as I was occupied in examining his very rare warblers, always more attractive to me than all the Ducks.

I scarcely think Mr. Turnbull owned the skin when he published "The Birds of East Pennsylvania and New Jersey" in 1869. or he would have no doubt alluded to its being in his Collection, as he mentions on page 37 the occurrence of the Labrador duck in this section. but does not state that he possessed a Specimen.

I cannot recall the year in which I first saw it. -and have no knowledge of its being "recorded" or spoken of in print; as I said before, that I did not make the enquiries regarding it, that I would now and regret that I do not possess the full history of the specimen. I should like to see the paper to which you allude, on the species, published by an "Englishman". Do you remember his name, and where published?

The Kite was in the same collection as the Duck, and sent to you exactly as I received it; I think with a printed label, but of that I am not certain. I had several skins with them that had printed labels on them, differing from most of Mr. Turnbull's skins, which were generally very well described.

Should I gain any other information regarding the specimens, it will be cheerfully furnished you.

Very Respy Yours &c
B. A. Hoopes

B. A. Hoopes
Nov. 3, 1878